

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC
COUNCIL MEETING: 3/6/07
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 pm

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

The City of Westminster is requesting 100 tons of crusher run gravel for surfacing of new road to area adjacent to ball field.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The County donates 1000 tons of gravel to Seneca, Walhalla & Westminster and 500 tons of gravel to Salem & West Union annually, this request is in addition to this donated gravel.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

The cost of this gravel will have to come from contingency funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Staff has no recommendation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Presently we have \$184,385 in contingency; the cost of this gravel will be \$682.50 including tax which will leave a balance of \$183,702.50 if this request is approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

City of Westminster Request
Submitted or Prepared By:


Opal O. Green
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, Administrator

Reviewed By/Initials:

_____ : County Attorney _____ : Finance

 CITY OF WESTMINSTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

February 23, 2007

Mr. Marion Lyles
Oconee County Council
415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, S.C. 29691

Dear Mr. Lyles:

A new road has been cut into the area adjacent to the ball field at the middle school in Westminster. Additionally, a new shelter is being constructed that will house picnic tables.

Rock is needed for surfacing this new road and for the area under the shelter. The City's annual rock allotment is used for various public works projects throughout the year. One single extra project such as this road will severely reduce the quarry resources that are expected to last us throughout the year. Accordingly, the City of Westminster is requesting County Council consideration of an additional 100 tons of rock for this project. Approval of this extra allotment will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact City Council Member Eusty Cater (710-5141) or me (647-3232) if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,



David Smith
City Administrator

cc: Mayor/Council

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: March 6th 2007

COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 pm

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Implementation of the Statewide Court Case Management System

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

Several representatives from Oconee County went to Anderson County to hear a presentation on the State Wide Case Management system in January 2006. This software that is owned, and maintained by the State Judiciary Department and provides integration of the General Session Court, Common Pleas Court, Magistrates Court, Accounting, and Jury Management. This software is much more modern than the current QS/1 software that Oconee County is currently utilizing and includes many new features that the current software does not, these include credit card processing, imaging, real-time drivers' license look-up, and plain paper printing to name a few. These enhancements will be a wonderful improvement for our county's court system.

On February 8, 2007, Juan Assey, Director of Technology from the State Judicial Department, made a presentation about the State Wide Court Case Management System to Oconee County, during this discussion it became very clear that Oconee County had a very important opportunity to embrace this new software and move our court system forward from a technology point of view. Since then the key participants in the project, (Becky Gerrard, and Sallie Smith) have been very enthusiastic about this new software and fully support this software project. To receive the full benefit of the state's assistance on this critical project it is essential that the County start this process as soon as possible.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

The State will provide to the County at no cost to the County the following, the Court Case Management Software, installation, setup and configuration, data conversion from the current system, training, onsite support during Go-Live and other support and services to make this project a success.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

To immediately proceed with the project to receive the full benefit of the State Judiciary's support.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The county will receive a significant amount of value from the state and the ongoing maintenance costs will be equivalent to what the county is currently paying.

Submitted or Prepared By:

Approved for Submittal to Council:

Marianne A. Dillard, Procurement Director



Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney
_____ Finance
_____ Department

C: Clerk to Council

Richard Reeves

From: Becky Gerrard
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 11:57 AM
To: Richard Reeves
Subject: RE: State Wide Case Management

Richard,

This looks good, thanks for everything and especially your support. I am home if you need to talk to me about the CMS. Have you hired someone?

Becky

Richard Reeves

From: Sallie Smith
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 12:02 PM
To: Richard Reeves
Subject: RE: State Wide Case Management
Importance: High

Richard excellent. no changes requested by me. all is very well stated. s/sallie

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Reeves
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 11:21 AM
To: Sallie Smith; Becky Gerrard
Cc: Debbie Sheriff
Subject: State Wide Case Management

Here is the Agenda Item Summary:

I would like both Sallie and Becky to review and approve (or change) – I need it back as soon as possible (definitely today), so I can get it in Tom's hands. ---

Thanks

Richard

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ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

RFP #06-20 Telephone Systems for the Department of Social Services.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

Oconee County is responsible for providing telephones and telephony infrastructure for the Department of Social Services (DSS). This critical agency has been working for many years with a telephone system that is minimally functional. This system had two major problems: one is that the FORTAN Voice Mail is mismatched with the Comdial Exceutech phone system, making it almost impossible for users of the system to get their phone messages. The second problem is that the equipment is so old that it is difficult--almost impossible--to get replacement telephone sets and other required replacement equipment. It is a matter of time before a critical part fails and the whole system become unusable.

BID SOLICITATION HISTORY:

On January 29, 2007, formal sealed proposals were opened for this equipment. Ten companies were originally notified of this proposal opportunity. Four companies submitted proposals, with Alt Communications, Inc., of Atlanta, GA submitting the most responsive, as well as the lowest, proposal of \$37,349.70. Because it was over budget, the Administration requested Alt to provide a deduct to eliminate the renovated area. Alt's deduct is \$5,100.25, which leaves a total of \$32,249.45.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

During the previous year budget process, the Council funded the above telephone system replacement proposal, and now the project is finally ready to be implemented. The State also will fund to the County approximately 61% of the system's cost.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Award RFP #06-20 to Alt Communications, Inc. for the amount of \$32,249.45.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Because of changes in the final requirements of the system, other changes to meet the actual needs of DSS amount to \$32,249.45.
For FY 06-07, County Council approved \$25,000.00 (budget code 010-711-50840) for the purchase of a telephone system. Additional funding is available from (010-711-52008), which will make up the necessary \$7,249.45.

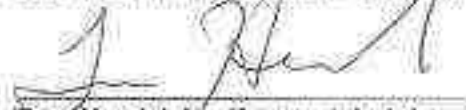
ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bid Tabulation

Submitted or Prepared By:

Marianne A. Dillard, Procurement Director

Approved for Submittal to Council:



Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney
_____ Finance
_____ Department

C: Clerk to Council

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge
the tabulation of bids is correct.*Marianne Dillard*
Procurement DirectorApproved Budget Ordinance amount for bid items: \$25,000
Budget Code 011-711-50640

Bidders	Alt Communications, Inc.	Carousel Industries	Fortran Communications, Inc.	Inter-Tel Technologies, Inc.
Address	Atlanta, GA	Alpharetta, GA	North Charleston, SC	Greer, SC
Brand Name	Toshiba	Avaya	Win	Inter-Tel
Base System	\$ 27,524.70	\$ 82,388.00	\$ 28,280.00	\$ 44,769.93
Training	included	1,400.00	included	included
Installation	7,065.00	8,000.00	4,300.00	included
Upgrade & Additional Wiring	2,375.00	included	3,426.75	1,710.00
Additional jacks	90.00	315.00		
Other	\$265.00 for Spanish prompts		\$333.50 for 2 phones - parts & labor	
Maintenance for Year 1	included	included	included	included
Sales Tax	included	not included	1,484.34	not included
Total System Price	\$ 37,349.70	\$ 42,103.00	\$ 37,484.59	\$ 46,479.93
Deduct for renovated area	(5,100.25)			
Grand Total after deduct for eliminating work in the renovated area	\$ 32,249.45			
Addendum #1	yes	yes	yes	yes
Committee Rank	1	2	3	did not interview

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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ATTACHMENTS:

- I. Bid Tabulation

Submitted or Prepared By:

Approved for Submittal to Council:

Marianne A. Dillard, Procurement Director

Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By: Initials:

County Attorney

Finance

Department

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Part Number	Description	Pricing Valid through 6/30/07:	Qty	Price	Extension
Materials :					
350 052	ONEAC Lighting (Braining Strap for up to 25 CO Lines		1	\$7.00	\$ 7.00
6-AP	ONEAC CO Line Protector with Teevee Clamp than Gas Tube		18	\$14.00	\$ 254.00
PC36CAT-346W	ONEAC Power Conditioner regulates up & down not just surge		1	\$240.00	\$ 240.00
PBTC-3M	Reserve Power Cable from each Cabinet PS to Battery Terminal		2	\$30.00	\$ 60.00
BATTERIES	Keeps Telephone System Sets Voice Mail Operational 15 minutes	Off Schedule	2		
55050-501	Chassworth 19" Data Rack 7 feet for CIX670 and IES16 Voice Mail	Off Schedule	1	\$215.00	\$ 215.00
CIX670YMPKGSW	TOSHIBA CIX670 Slots Modular IP Communications System	Off Schedule	1	\$604.00	\$ 604.00
	BC7U2A Processor includes 64 CO/Station Licenses 4 DTMF		1		
	AMDS1A Remote Maintenance Program Modem & LAN connection		1		
	CIX670 allows you to use IP use it where it makes sense				
IES16-06-SYS	Strategy IES16 6 port 100 Hour 30 seats Unified Messaging + FAX	Off Schedule	1	\$3,546.00	\$ 3,546.00
	CIX670 IES16 No Hard Disc Drive to fall from dust or moving part				
LIC-4-BASIC	CIX670 4-port CO Line/Station License beyond 64 included in pkg		18	\$64.00	\$ 1,152.00
CRSU8E72A	CIX670 Rack Mount Base-Cabinet and Power Supply 8 Slots-CPU	Off Schedule	1	\$651.00	\$ 651.00
CRSU8E72A	CIX670 Rack Mount Expansion Cabinet and Power Supply 10 Slot	Off Schedule	1	\$694.00	\$ 694.00
BAOKU1A	16-Circuit Digital Station Interface Unit for 95 of the ports needed		6	\$608.00	\$ 3,648.00
BDKU1A	8-Circuit Digital Station Interface Unit for ports 97-104		1	\$524.00	\$ 524.00
RCOU3A	4-Circuit Loop Start CO Line Interface Unit		2	\$227.00	\$ 454.00
RCCS3A	4-Circuit Loop Start CO Line Subassembly same slot as RCOU3A		2	\$196.00	\$ 392.00
BIOL1A	Paging Interface Card		1	\$300.00	\$ 300.00
QHP6000	FCC AS2AP Approved Music Source	Off Schedule	1	\$280.00	\$ 280.00
DKT3210-S	10 Programmable and 8 Fixed Button Digital Speakerphone	Off Schedule	75	\$110.00	\$ 8,250.00
DKT3220-SD	20 Programmable and 8 Fixed Button Digital Speakerphone Display	Off Schedule	2	\$193.00	\$ 386.00
DOS53250	50-button Digital Direct Station Select Busy Lamp Field Console	Off Schedule	4	\$283.00	\$ 1,132.00
MULTIPLE DN PFON	Multiple Extension Appearance prevent 2nd call only to Voicemail		102		
Dial 3 to Multiple Sets	2-dials can ring 2 or more extensions unlike now to just one		3		
Spanish Prompts	IES16 Spanish Prompts installed		1	\$295.00	\$ 295.00
	Sales Tax at 5 percent				\$ 1,180.45
	Total Hardware and Software Material Charges with 5% Tax				\$ 24,789.45
Installation :					
IN-BASIC-670	Install & Program TOSHIBA Slots CIX670 Base Cabinet & Processor		1	\$495.00	\$ 495.00
IN-670 EXP-CAB	Installation of CIX670 Expansion Cabinet maximum 6 per Node		1	\$110.00	\$ 110.00
IN-BATBKUP-670	Installation of Battery Backup Equipment for CIX670		1	\$40.00	\$ 40.00
IN-EXIST STATION	Install Program Time per Digital Telephone existing cable		75	\$76.00	\$ 5,700.00
IN-NEWSATION	Install CAT5e Plenum Teflon FRD with Installation cable and Jack		4	\$125.00	\$ 500.00
IN-IES-SYS	Install TOSHIBA Strategy IES16 Voice Mail 16-port licenses for 8-port		1	\$690.00	\$ 690.00
	Total Installation Charges including 1st Year Parts and Labor				\$ 7,480.00
Total Charges:					
	Total Equipment Charges with 5% Sales Tax				\$ 24,789.45
	Total Installation Charges				\$ 7,480.00
	Total Price of Bid				\$ 32,269.45

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OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 03-06-2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Request for District One (1) recreation funds of \$2,500 to Lamassee-Salem Recreation Corporation from account 010-202-30901.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

Money is budgeted for each Council district for youth recreation purposes to eligible organizations. Recreation Commission reviewed request on February 21, 2007, and recommends approval to County Council. As stated in the Approved Distribution Plan of County Funds for Parks and Recreation, County Council must approve requests.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

Salem Recreation Department is an eligible organization and this is an eligible request under the Approved Distribution Plan of County Funds for Parks and Recreation. Funds will be used for general operations of youth sports.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for approval of \$2,500 to Salem Recreation Department.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:


\$2,500 of budgeted funds from PRT line item 010-202-30901. This request is the remainder of the allotted funds to District One (1) Recreation for budget year 2006-2007.

ATTACHMENTS:

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

_____ Finance

_____ Other

C: Clerk to Council

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 03-06-2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00PM**

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Request for District Two (2) recreation funds of \$2,500 to Walhalla Recreation from account 010-202-30902.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

Money is budgeted for each Council district for youth recreation purposes to eligible organizations. Recreation Commission reviewed request on February 21, 2007, and recommends approval to County Council. As stated in the Approved Distribution Plan of County Funds for Parks and Recreation, County Council must approve requests.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

Walhalla Recreation Department is an eligible organization and this is an eligible request under the Approved Distribution Plan of County Funds for Parks and Recreation. Funds will be used for baseballs and a portable baseball mound.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for approval of \$2,500 to Walhalla Recreation Department.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

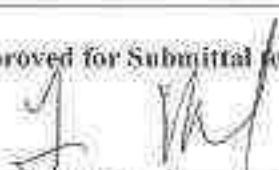
\$2,500 of budgeted funds from PRT line item 010-202-30902. This request is the remainder of the allotted funds to District Two (2) Recreation for budget year 2006-2007.

ATTACHMENTS:

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:



Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

_____ Finance

_____ Other

C: Clerk to Council

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 03-06-2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Request for District Three (3) recreation funds of \$2,500 to Seneca Recreation from account 010-202-30903.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

Money is budgeted for each Council district for youth recreation purposes to eligible organizations. Recreation Commission reviewed request on February 21, 2007, and recommends approval to County Council. As stated in the Approved Distribution Plan of County Funds for Parks and Recreation, County Council must approve requests.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

Seneca Recreation Department is an eligible organization and this is an eligible request under the Approved Distribution Plan of County Funds for Parks and Recreation. Funds will be used for a laptop computer for athletics and fencing work at Shaver Complex.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for approval of \$2,500 to Seneca Recreation Department.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

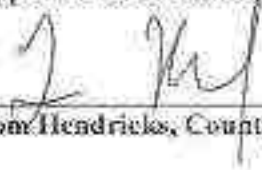
\$2,500 of budgeted funds from PRT line item 010-202-30903. This request is the remainder of the allotted funds to District Three (3) Recreation for budget year 2006-2007.

ATTACHMENTS:

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

_____ Finance

_____ Other

C: Clerk to Council

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 03-06-2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Request for District Four (4) recreation funds of \$2,500 to Westminster Recreation from account 010-202-30904.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

Money is budgeted for each Council district for youth recreation purposes to eligible organizations. Recreation Commission reviewed request on February 21, 2007, and recommends approval to County Council. As stated in the Approved Distribution Plan of County Funds for Parks and Recreation, County Council must approve requests.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

Westminster Recreation Department is an eligible organization and this is an eligible request under the Approved Distribution Plan of County Funds for Parks and Recreation. Funds will be used for portable baseball mounds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for approval of \$2,500 to Westminster Recreation Department.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$2,500 of budgeted funds from PRT line item 010-202-30904. This request is the remainder of the allotted funds to District Four (4) Recreation for budget year 2006-2007.

ATTACHMENTS:

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

_____ Finance

_____ Other

C: Clerk to Council

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
O'CONNOR COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 03-06-2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Request for District Five (5) recreation funds of \$10,500 to Fair-Oak Youth Center from account 010-202-30905.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

Money is budgeted for each Council district for youth recreation purposes to eligible organizations. Recreation Commission reviewed request on February 21, 2007, and recommends approval to County Council. As stated in the Approved Distribution Plan of County Funds for Parks and Recreation, County Council must approve requests.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

Fair-Oak Recreation Department is an eligible organization and this is an eligible request under the Approved Distribution Plan of County Funds for Parks and Recreation. Funds are to be used for land surveying and deed recording of youth athletic fields, and baseball/softball officiating fees and supplies.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for approval of \$10,500 to Fair-Oak Recreation Department.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$10,500 of budgeted funds from PKF line item 010-202-30905. This request is the remainder of the allotted funds to District Five (5) Recreation for budget year 2006-2007.

ATTACHMENTS:

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PBT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

_____ Finance

_____ Other

C: Clerk to Council

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: March 6, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Request for approval of ATAX grant request from Blue Ridge Arts Council in the amount of \$2,255.00 to be used for Advertisement of the Annual Members Art Show. Request approved in ATAX Committee on 02/28/07 by a unanimous vote.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

State ATAX funds are received quarterly and 65% of those funds are Tourism Related funds that are to be disbursed as recommended by the ATAX committee and approved by County Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of ATAX grant request of \$2,255.00 to Blue Ridge Arts Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Current ATAX fund balance is \$20,894.81. We have two ATAX requests this grant cycle. If both requests are approved by County Council, the remaining balance will be \$12,536.81.


ATTACHMENTS:

Blue Ridge Arts Council Grant Request

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ **County Attorney**

_____ **Finance**

_____ **Other**

C: Clerk to Council

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OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: March 6, 2007
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ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Request for approval of ATAX grant request from Oconee Conservatory of Fine Arts in the amount of \$6,100.00 to be used for Advertisement of the First Annual Talent Showcase competition at the Walhalla Civic Auditorium. Request approved in ATAX Committee on 02/28/07 by a unanimous vote.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

State ATAX funds are received quarterly and 65% of those funds are Tourism Related funds that are to be disbursed as recommended by the ATAX committee and approved by County Council.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

Talent show will seek call for entries from Tri-State area.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of ATAX grant request of \$6,100.00 to Oconee Conservatory of Fine Arts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Current ATAX fund balance is \$20,894.84. We have two ATAX requests this grant cycle. If both requests are approved by County Council, the remaining balance will be \$12,536.84.

ATTACHMENTS:

Oconee Conservatory of Fine Arts Grant Request

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney _____ Finance _____ Other

C: Clerk to Council

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**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 3/6/07
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ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

2007 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG)

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

Oconee County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) receives a grant annually from FEMA through the SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) for up to one-half of the annual salaries and benefits of the EMA staff. The total for the grant this year is \$30,513.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

Oconee County EMA is also requesting an additional \$24,300 in funds to complete the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) audio-visual system. This is for three LCD screens for the break-out rooms and Director's office, and a multi-line phone system for the Executive Conference Room.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

It is recommended that County Council approve this grant request.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None. The in-kind match will be provided by the additional salaries and benefits for EMA personnel.

ATTACHMENTS:

Submitted or Prepared By:
Veronda Hiccombe-Lewis

Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, Co. Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

 Finance

_____ Other

C: Clerk to Council

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 3/6/07
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ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

PRT requests approval to apply for the South Carolina Parks and Recreation Development Fund (PARD) grant in the amount of \$5,900 for new ADA sidewalks at South Cove and High Falls County Parks.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The PARD grant program was created in 1987 by the General Assembly of South Carolina, signed by the Governor, and took effect July 1, 1987. PARD is intended to be used for permanent improvements to public recreation areas by local government units and the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism. Each application must have an endorsement letter of support from County Council to accompany the grant request.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

If approved, new ADA accessible sidewalks will be placed at South Cove and High Falls County Parks to facilitate usage of the park amenities by those with handicaps.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of PARD grant request in the amount of \$5,900.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Budget Analysis

South Cove ADA Accessible Sidewalk	\$2,000
High Falls ADA Accessible Sidewalk	\$1,500
Force Account Labor for Duke Power Required Engineering Costs	\$2,400
TOTAL	\$5,900
PARD AMOUNT (Grantor)	\$4,720
Oconee County Match	\$1,180

Oconee County Match portion will be satisfied from the PRT grant match line item (010-202-99998-00000).

ATTACHMENTS:

Submitted or Prepared By:

Veronda Holeombe-Lewis
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

County Attorney

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Finance

Other

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**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 3/6/07
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ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Grant application to South Carolina Coordinating Council for Economic Development for turn lanes to be installed at the Timken manufacturing facility.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

During early efforts to encourage Timken to make additional investments and create new jobs in Oconee County, we worked with the State to seek assistance for turn-in and turn-out lanes for the Timken manufacturing facility.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

Timken has planned capital investments worth \$18,000,000. They have created, or are in the process of creating, 170 new jobs in Oconee County.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Recommend County Council approves applying for a \$175,000 grant from the South Carolina Coordinating Council for Economic Development.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total cost of implementing the turn lanes is estimated to be \$190,575.

- The South Carolina Coordinating Council for Economic Development Grant = \$175,000.
- Local Match - \$15,575. This would come from Economic Development's infrastructure line item (010-707-60707).

ATTACHMENTS:

Submitted or Prepared By:
Veronda Holcombe-Lewis

Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Headricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

 Finance

_____ Other

C: Clerk to Council

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 3/6/07
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 p.m.**

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Permission for Solid Waste to apply for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control grants program.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) makes several grants available to local governments on an annual basis. The purpose of these grants is to increase the recycling rate and to reduce the per capita municipal solid waste disposal rate. There are several grant categories available this year.

FY 08 Solid Waste Grant – Increased Paper Material Collection

FY 08 Used Oil Grant

FY 08 Waste Tire/Automobile Dismantler Tire Grant

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

- **FY 08 Solid Waste Grant – Increased Paper Material Collection**
Request for additional roll off containers for paper collection at convenience centers and public education materials.
Grant – \$50,000
NO Local Match Required
- **FY 08 Used Oil Grant**
Development and implementation of education and recycling programs.
Funds to attend Solid Waste conferences.
Grant – \$4,500
NO Local Match Required
- **FY 08 Waste Tire/Automobile Dismantler Tire Grant**
Maintenance of the collection and recycling of waste tires at convenience centers.
Funds to attend Solid Waste conferences.
Grant – \$3,250
NO Local Match Required

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval for Solid Waste to apply for SCDHEC grants listed above.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE of the Solid Waste grants require a local match.

ATTACHMENTS:

Submitted or Prepared By:
Veronda Holcombe-Lewis

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

County Attorney

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Finance

Other

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**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 3/6/07
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 pm**

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

The Oconee County Rock Quarry requests approval to apply for the PalmettoPride FY 2007 Tree Grant Donation Program.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The PalmettoPride grant is administered by PalmettoPride of South Carolina, our State's anti-litter organization. This grant supports the beautification efforts of local governments.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

This grant will be used to acquire landscaping materials. The Rock Quarry will be requesting a variety of trees including: Beauty Berries, Red Cedars, Red Birds, River Birches, Red Maples, Silver Maples, Bald Cypress, etc. These will be used to beautify the grounds at the Rock Quarry Department and maximize dust abatement.

- **Oconee County Rock Quarry**
PalmettoPride Tree Grant Donation Program
Local governments are awarded the actual landscaping materials.
There is **NO** local match required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval for the Rock Quarry to apply for the PalmettoPride Tree Grant.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

PalmettoPride Tree Grant Donation Program = Donation of material.

NO local match required.

ATTACHMENTS:

Submitted or Prepared By:

Veronda Holcombe-Lewis

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

pat Finance

_____ Other

C: Clerk to Council

Approved for Submittal to Council:

Tom Hendricks
Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

PalmettoPride Tree Grant

The mission of the Oconee County Rock Quarry is to provide a safe environment for employees and those who use the quarry while producing a high-quality product at a reasonable price. The Oconee County Rocky Quarry is also committed to being a good neighbor. That means, when a blast is scheduled to loosen and prepare rock for production, all neighbors receive a courtesy call. Blasts occur twice per month as tonnage shot in FY 2005-2006 totaled more than 479,900 tons.

The Oconee County Rock Quarry is interested in extending their commitment to being good neighbors by beautifying the grounds. Implementation of a landscape design will improve aesthetics and provide an additional measure for dust abatement. The following areas have been designed for the installation of plant material. Each tree species chosen has been carefully selected to serve definite functions or solve specific problems. Trees will be used in borders to separate areas, to screen unpleasant views, to serve as wind barriers (thus reducing airborne dust), and to give privacy or enclosure to the Quarry.



We are requesting Red Cedars to place along the fence that frames the entrance to the quarry. The Red Cedars will serve as a visual barrier and aid in dust abatement. Dust is a big problem at the quarry as wind tends to disturb the large stockpiles of crusher run and other fine grade material kept on site.



A variety of Black Gum, Red Maple, Silver Maple, and Red Bud trees are requested to plant atop a berm that borders the quarry property along a main road. These trees will provide a visual barrier to block views of the main quarry pit.



Between the main quarry office and the mechanical shop is a very steep bank. Red Maples and Silver Maples are requested to improve this area aesthetically and to reduce soil erosion and run-off.



Along the haul road into the quarry is a high berm. It is currently sparsely planted with Crepe Myrtles. Red Bud trees are requested to complete the planting. These plantings will serve to add some much needed shaded area in the quarry and provide a block to blowing dust from the rock crusher area that is immediately adjacent.



The catch basin and water discharge area has been specifically designed with trees that are tolerant of poorly drained areas. Bald Cypress is a great choice for areas with anaerobic conditions. River Birches also tolerate poor drainage. Carolina Silverbell is an additional excellent choice as naturalizing material.

COMMISSION MEMBERS THAT NEED TO BE REAPPOINTED/REPLACED AS OF JANUARY 22, 2007:

AERONAUTICS COMMISSION: TERM SHOULD BEGIN:

HEINZ ROST	DISTRICT I	1/1/04
ALVIN ROCHESTER	DISTRICT II	1/1/06
WAYNE RHOLETTER	DISTRICT IV	1/1/04
FRED GOLDEN	DISTRICT V	1/1/04

SOLID WASTE COMMISSION: TERM SHOULD BEGIN:

DEAN WYATT	DISTRICT I	1/1/04
JAMES MOORE	DISTRICT II	1/1/06
JOHN P. VAUGHT	DISTRICT III	1/1/04
CLARK WILMONT	DISTRICT IV	1/1/06
LEE KEESE	DISTRICT V	1/1/06
EARL RHODY	AT LARGE	1/1/06
REX BLANTON	AT LARGE	1/1/06

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: TERM SHOULD BEGIN:

JANICE MATHESON	DISTRICT I	1/1/04
MICHAEL WRIGHT	DISTRICT II	1/1/06
SAM D. MCJUNKIN	DISTRICT III	1/1/04
NICK WILLIAMS	DISTRICT IV	1/1/06
TOMMY GRANT	DISTRICT V	1/1/06

(MR. GRANT HAS NOT BEEN ATTENDING MEETINGS, WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM REPLACED)

*1300 Gerald Dr
at the house*

ARTS & HISTORICAL: TERM SHOULD BEGIN:

RICK BETHEA	DISTRICT I	1/1/04
LUTHER LYLE	DISTRICT II	1/1/06
LOUISE BELL	DISTRICT III	1/1/04
BARBARA WATERS	DISTRICT IV	1/1/06
STAN DUBOSE	AT LARGE	
ROSE CASHIN	AT LARGE	

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*James Brumate
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RECREATION: TERM SHOULD BEGIN:

LARRY BRANDT	DISTRICT II	1/1/06
KEN DAVIS	DISTRICT IV	1/1/06
TIM MAYS	DISTRICT V	1/1/06

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ATAX:

TERM SHOULD BEGIN:

GINGER POPE	1/1/07
ILENE SENDY	1/1/07
GERI MCSWAIN	1/1/07
BARBARA LAUGHTER	1/1/06
DOYLE BURTON	1/1/06
GERALD FOSTER	1/1/06

TOURISM COMMISSION:

TERM SHOULD BEGIN:

MARIO SUAREZ	DISTRICT III	1/1/04
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

TERM SHOULD BEGIN:

GENE GALLARD	DISTRICT III	9/7/04
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We at fire stations Salem, Keowee Ebenezer, and Keowee has elected Davis

M. (Butch) Butts as our representative for Oconee Rural Fire Commissioners

Board.

Kevin Wilcox

Tom C. Gray KCFD ST #11

Mark Lee KFD - ST. #17

SCAC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

• Workers' Comp Reform

S. 332 is in a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee composed of Sens. Martin, McCormell, Hutto, Laine and Rivchun who are the same senators who comprised the Workers Compensation Study Committee.

S. 332 is a good start toward needed reforms, but will require tweaking:

The bill does not address a recent Supreme Court case (*Ellison v. Trinidad*). This case which involved a worker who broke his leg and received an impairment rating of 20% to the leg. The Supreme Court concluded that impairment rating with the worker's non-work-related pre-existing conditions of hypertension, sleep apnea, prostate cancer, diabetes, and cardiac disease to declare the claimant permanently and totally disabled. This is a sweeping change in the law and one which changes the structural underpinnings of your Worker's Comp Trust Fund. *Ellison* needs to be addressed in S. 332.

S. 332 excludes arthritis as a condition which qualifies for Second Injury Fund payments. However, the Second Injury Fund needs to be phased out altogether or restricted in its application in a much more broad manner.

PLEASE ASK THE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ADDRESS THE TWO OMISSIONS ABOVE AND MOVE IT FORWARD TO THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

• Sentenced Prisoners

In November 2006, the Director of the S. C. Department of Corrections (SCDC), Jon DeLoach, sent a memo to all county administrators, sheriffs and jail administrators, informing them that SCDC would be imposing a "quota system" effective January 1, 2007, for transferring prisoners into the state prison system. SCDC would determine, based on a county's history over the past five years, how many sentenced prisoners they would accept from each county per week.

The issue of the Department of Corrections not accepting prisoners in a timely manner is not new. State law provides that persons sentenced to more than three months are in the custody of the S. C. Department of Corrections. The court is required to immediately notify SCDC upon sentencing, and SCDC is required to accept these prisoners as soon as it receives notice. There are no less than a dozen Attorney General's Opinions on this topic, all leading to the conclusion that state law does not grant SCDC any discretion to refuse to accept prisoners, and further, SCDC must accept them "with due diligence and reasonable promptness."

SCAC Policy Position

Counties have complained for a number of years about SCDC clogging its feet in accepting its prisoners. Further, state budget cuts in recent years have translated into SCDC imposing a number

of measures that not only limit the number of prisoners who will be accepted at a given time, but also limit drop-offs and detain a number of prisoners that can result in prisoners being sent back to the county. This has translated into additional headaches and costs at the local level as counties try to manage an escalating jail population while dealing with an increasing number of the state's sentenced prisoners.

The issue of SCDC not accepting its prisoners in a timely fashion has been an SCAC legislative policy issue for over 15 years. The Association's current position is to:

Support legislation that would impose a penalty on the State Department of Corrections or would require them to reimburse a county for the costs incurred in housing state prisoners who have not been accepted/picked up by SCDC within three business days after sentencing.

Current Status

On January 1, SCDC began imposing its new quota system, assigning a maximum number of inmates it will accept from each county per week. On January 30, a meeting was held at the request of Sen. Mike Fair, Chairman of the Senate Corrections & Penology Committee, between SCDC, SCAC, the Sheriff's Association and the Jail Administrators' Association. SCAC argued that there is no statutory authority for the imposition of a quota system. SCDC's action merely drew attention to an issue that has been a source of frustration for years - that SCDC does not accept its prisoners in a timely manner - with the end result being further overcrowding of local jails and county taxpayers picking up the tab for keeping these prisoners.

It was generally agreed that until a long-term solution can be attained (i.e., expanding construction of SCDC reception and evaluation centers so that prisoners can be accepted more quickly), an interim solution would be to reimburse counties a per diem for prisoners kept a certain number of days after sentencing.

A follow-up meeting was held on February 5 with representatives from SCDC, SCAC, the Sheriff's Association and the Jail Administrators' Association. SCDC identified a vacant 256-bed facility on Bayard River Road in Columbia that would be suitable as an R & E (reception and evaluation) center for accepting state prisoners. It was estimated that the funds needed to run and staff this facility would be less than reimbursing the counties a per diem for keeping state prisoners beyond three business days. Though this would not entirely solve the problem, it will go a long way towards alleviating it.

Urge your legislators to support giving SCDC the necessary funding to run and staff the vacant 256-bed facility in Columbia as a reception and evaluation center for accepting inmates into the state prison system. Support non-recurring funding to expand the Kirkland R & E Center to provide enough beds so that all state-sentenced inmates are transported into the state prison system as required under current state law.

It is far more desirable to free up county bed space than to continue to house state prisoners with the "promise" of a per diem paid by SCDC. However, if funding is not secured for

staffing/expanding bed space, require SCDC to reimburse a county for the costs incurred in housing state prisoners who have not been accepted/picked up by SCDC.

• Bad Neighbor Bill (Regulatory Takings)

A Joint Study Committee is considering what, if any, legislation is necessary in the area of regulatory takings.

The concept of the Bad Neighbor Bill is to require local governments to either:

- (1) pay cash to property owners who claim their land's market value has been reduced by new or enhanced existing regulations, or
- (2) let those property owners develop use their land, regardless of the impact on their neighbors or community.

Given the tight fiscal times and hard millage rate cap for local government, this becomes a threat for any landowner to be a bad neighbor because local governments will not be able to use commonly accepted measures such as setbacks, buffers, and time restrictions to protect existing adjacent landowners or minimize conflict without high costs.

We need to raise several key points with legislators:

(A) The General Assembly has already addressed the issue of private property protections numerous times in recent years.

- Act 58 of 2001 which created a more flexible, streamlined, and cost-efficient land use appeals process for any aggrieved landowner. Also in that Act was a land use official and employee education component to avoid unintentional errors.
- The General Assembly also addressed the issue by amending the Constitution to restrict the use of condemnation to instances where the public entity will own the land condemned.
- There have been several laws passed to allow developers to freeze land use regulations either by agreement, or a blanket two year vesting of existing rights after approval of a site specific plan.

(B) South Carolina is different than Florida or Oregon because Florida and Oregon have statewide mandated land use planning zoning while South Carolina has local option land use planning.

Oregon has statewide land use goals despite the fact that land use planning is inherently a local decision driven by the particular facts of a situation. What is important to residents in Charleston is not necessarily important in Greece. Desirable regulations to protect farmers in Williamsburg do not necessarily achieve the same results in all parts of Lexington.

Oregon also has statewide land use planning goals which have never been comprehensively revisited since their initial adoption 20 or more years ago. In South Carolina, comprehensive land use plans must be revisited every 5 years. South Carolina county governments have moved very delicately in adopting land use planning.

(C) The Bad Neighbor Bill would place the planned use of one landowner over the existing or planned uses of all of the neighboring landowners. The customary land use protections used to minimize conflicts would be cost prohibitive. Please let the legislature know about the everyday land use disputes that you face and are able to address with land use controls to minimize conflict and protect existing land owners. This ability to address local problems locally would be cost prohibitive if the Bad Neighbor Bill were to be adopted.

The Study Committee members are:

Senators Campsen, Ford, Gregory

Representatives Edge, Coleman, Merrill

Governor's appointees:

Ben Zeigler - Haystack Sinkler Blvd

Tammy McKnew - Nature Conservancy Bd

Robert Clermont - Realtor's Assoc Bd Chairman

• Dilapidated Mobile Homes

S. 267, sponsored by Senators Alexander & Martin, is in a Senate Judiciary subcommittee comprised of Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, and Williams.

This bill provides in part:

(B) The governing body of a county or municipality is authorized expressly to enact ordinances, consistent with this section, providing for the location, identification, inspection, and removal of derelict or abandoned mobile homes. These ordinances must establish minimum standards to be utilized for the navigation of mobile homes. The minimum standards must be based on the regulations of the South Carolina Manufactured Housing Board.

(C) If the county or municipality removes a derelict or abandoned mobile home, all costs of removal and disposal must be borne by the owner of the mobile home. If the owner is unwilling or unable to pay the costs of removal and disposal, a lien may be placed on the real property where the mobile home was located.

(D) To defray the costs of location, identification, and inspection of a derelict or abandoned mobile home there is a fee of twenty-five dollars to be paid when the mobile home is registered with the county or municipalities. However, this fee is payable to either the county or municipality depending on the location of the derelict or abandoned mobile home. This is in addition to all other fees and charges relating to a mobile home and must be paid before electrical connection.

Please ask the subcommittee members to schedule a hearing and support this joint initiative of SCAC and the Manufactured Housing Institute.

• Property Tax Clean-up & Legal Residence Assessment Ratio

There are a number of bills addressing most of the clean-up issues we have identified to date with last year's property tax restructuring legislation. All of these bills contain various combinations of the specific items on the SCAC Legislative Priority list. Those bills include:

H. 3422 is the most comprehensive bill to receive attention to date and has passed the House.

H. 3722 has a more comprehensive list of the items, including all of the items in H. 3422, but is in House Ways & Means Committee.

S. 366 addresses only those items directly related to last year's property tax restructuring act and has passed the Senate.

S. 367 is narrower in scope than S. 366 and has also passed the Senate.

SCAC is also working to get legislation to enable counties to fairly and accurately enforce the granting and maintenance of the 4% legal residence assessment ratio. Currently, county assessors have inadequate mechanisms and standards to ensure that a taxpayer receives the 4% assessment rate on only one property or in police situations where a home no longer qualifies for the legal residence assessment ratio.

Motion: the Planning Commission is to immediately begin the process of developing a citizen-initiated, community-based zoning program for the unincorporated areas of Oconee County. This program shall be primarily based around the boundaries of the existing fire districts, but will also include provisions for the creation of special overlay districts. Also, it is vital that the program not only reflect concern for protecting the property values and lifestyles of the more fortunate Oconee County citizens, but also insure that traditional ways of life are protected while being affected as little as possible. To facilitate these efforts, the Commission shall report back to Council within 30 days to provide an estimated timeline of the project, a list of crucial milestones, and an overview of expected needs. Additionally, this directive shall constitute first reading, in title only, of the zoning enabling ordinance.